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1. It has been reported that the Communist Party of Uruguay (CPU) is now conducting a double objective propaganda drive for "Peace" and "Defeat of the Ratification of the United States-Uruguayan Commercial Treaty." This drive is being carried out through the Communist front Junta Nacional de Partidarios de la Paz, which has recently been distributing large amounts of Communist propaganda concerning the defeat of the ratification of the US-Uruguayan treaty.\*
2. Jose Luis Massera, Secretary General of the Junta, regularly receives anti-US propaganda from the World Peace Headquarters in Paris, which is closely coordinated with the Soviet government's current political objectives. For example, upon receiving a recent bulletin from Paris, Massera directed the Junta's Secretary of Propaganda to initiate a publicity campaign in Uruguay calling for the international outlawing of atomic weapons.\*\*
3. In a communication dated 11 March 1950 to Jean Lafitte, Secretary General of the Comite Mundial de Partidarios de la Paz, Massera stated that because of financial difficulties it would be impossible for Uruguay to send a delegate to any of the European "Pro-peace" conferences. A translation of Massera's letter to Lafitte follows:

Montevideo, 11 March 1950

Senor Jean Lafitte  
Secretario del Comite Mundial de Partidarios de la Paz

My dear friend:

In accordance with the contents of the last letter of Senora Julia Arevalo de Roche,\*\*\* member of the World Committee, we hope that you have taken into consideration that because of our financial difficulties, it has not been possible for us at this time to assure the sending of our delegate to the meeting of the World Committee. We are sorry of

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this fact since we will not be able to participate and also for the same reason in the assemblies organized in Sweden and other countries which was mentioned in your circular of 4 March.

The battle for peace in Uruguay continues to be concentrated in defeating the ratification of the slave treaty that our government has contracted with the United States and of which we have informed you previously. The working class has accepted this problem with great political comprehension and is actively participating in a vote against the treaty. This activity has been organized by the local Junta. On the other hand, other social groups are beginning to see the colonial nature and war-like essence of this aforementioned treaty and we hope that soon they will take an active part in the fight. We have full confidence that this mobilization will impede the ratification of the treaty, which would be a considerable triumph for the cause of peace.

Hoping that the reunion in Stockholm\*\*\*\* will be a great success, regards to you and the rest of the members of the World Committee.

Very cordially,

/s/ Jose L. Massera  
Secretary

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\*\* [redacted] Comment. It is expected that the CPU will commence a similar campaign through its official organ, Justicia.

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\*\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. Massera is undoubtedly referring to the meeting of the World Committee of Partisans of Peace held in Stockholm on 16-19 March 1950.

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